

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending. Claim 1 is an independent claim. Claim 1 is amended in this response. No new matter is added. Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-9 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Blumenau et al. (US 6,195,703), hereinafter "Blumenau," in view of Pian et al. (US 5,357,632), hereinafter "Pian."

Examiner Luna Champagne and Examiner Ryan Zeender are thanked for the courtesy of a telephone interview conducted on September 18, 2007, with Applicants' representative, Sushil Shrinivasan. The rejections of claims 1-9 and proposed claim amendments were discussed during the interview.

Pursuant to the interview, claim 1 is amended to recite "collecting accounting information from an accounting manager residing in and executed by a corresponding networked processor of the plurality of networked processors, wherein the accounting manager monitors utilization of resources at the corresponding networked processor; receiving an upper limit of resources that may be consumed by the remote processor, the resources including a local resource controlled by the host processor; releasing the local resource to the remote processor based on the collected accounting information and if an amount of resources consumed by the remote processor is below the upper limit, the utilization of the local resource maintained within a pre-determined upper threshold; and if at least one of the upper threshold and the upper limit is exceeded, reducing availability of the local resource to the remote processor by the host processor." (Emphasis added).

The suggested combination of Blumenau and Pian does not describe or suggest that an accounting manager resides in and is executed by a networked processor of the plurality of networked processors, as claimed. Neither Blumenau nor Pian, taken alone or in combination, describes or suggests a supervisory control processor 122 corresponding to a networked processor of the plurality of networked processors. In contrast, the suggested combination of Blumenau and Pian describes one supervisory control processor 122 for a plurality of arithmetic processors 114. Further, in the suggested combination of Blumenau and Pian, the distributed control processors 112 reside external to the arithmetic control processors 114.

Thus, the suggested combination of Blumenau and Pian does not describe or suggest all the features of the claimed subject matter. Thus, even if Blumenau and Pian were to be combined, which Applicant does not concede, one of ordinary skill in the art would not arrive at the recited subject matter. Thus, claim 1 is allowable over the suggested combination of Blumenau and Pian. Claims 2-9 are also allowable at least for reasons similar to claim 1 and for the additional recitations that they contain. Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections of claims 1-9 be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

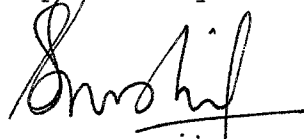
It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to

concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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